

Edgerton House,  
Fremont, Ohio.

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Project No. 16 - EGERTON HOUSE, Fremont, Sandusky County, Ohio.

This house was built in 1828 by one, Samuel Brush, who came to the Northern Ohio Territory from Virginia. Mr. Brush had a land grant in this section and built the first house in Fremont other than the Fay House.

Two years were spent in hauling and cutting stone for the chimney and foundation walls. The chimney was 5'0" wide by 8'0" located in the center of the house. The dining room and kitchen were located in the basement with a large fireplace for cooking as well as for heating purposes.

This house has only had three owners, Brush selling to a Mr. Velleter and then later to the Edgerton family who are the present owners. During the ownership of the Velleter, Rutherford B. Hayes, before his presidency often stayed at the house, being a close friend of Mr. Velleter, and spent some time there while convalescing after being wounded during the Civil War.

In later years several additions have been made to the original house but care has been taken to preserve the original trim such as doorways, mantel, window sash, etc. The stone used for foundation walls and chimney was hand cut local limestone. Interior trim was solid walnut throughout, although poplar was used for framing.

Samuel Brush was also a Government Inspector in this territory. Platt Brush, son of Samuel Brush was one of donors for the land given for Court House of Sandusky County.

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